

the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, among other international human rights treaties.

In violation of these and other international obligations, Iranian regime officials continue to violate the fundamental human rights of the Iranian people.

Today, I rise with my colleagues in Congress to stand with the people of Iran that are engaged in legitimate and peaceful protests against an oppressive, corrupt regime.

I rise in support of H. Res. 676 which condemns the Iranian regime's serious human rights abuses against the Iranian people, significant corruption, and destabilizing activities abroad.

I call on all democratic governments and institutions to clearly support the Iranian people's right to live in a free society.

I rise to urge the Iranian regime to abide by its international obligations with respect to human rights and civil liberties, including freedoms of assembly, speech, and press.

The Iranian regime must do the right thing and respect the proud history and rich culture of the Iranian nation.

The people of Iran want nothing more than to promote the establishment of basic freedoms that build the foundation for the emergence of a freely elected, open, and democratic political system.

I wholeheartedly support H. Res. 676 and continue fighting for a free Iran.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAMES B. RENACCI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

Mr. RENACCI. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 2, YEA on Roll Call No. 3, and YEA on Roll Call No. 4.

TO RECOGNIZE JAMES B. HOWARD ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE KING GEORGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. James B. Howard, a citizen of King George County and Virginia's First District, on his retirement from the King George County Board of Supervisors. Mr. Howard served his community well as a member of the Board of Supervisors for the James Monroe District from 1976 to 1978. Additionally, Mr. Brown served as a member of the King George County School Board from 1988 to 1991, and the County Supervisor for the James Monroe District from 2000 to 2009 and 2014 to 2017.

During his tenure, Mr. Howard furthered the education of our youth through leading the development of Sealston Elementary School, construction of the new King George High School, the expansion of the King George Middle School, and renovation of the Potomac Elementary School, in addition to other leader-

ship successes. Mr. Howard served as the Chairman of the King George County Board of Supervisors for multiple terms and dedicated 21 years to serving the county in local government.

I would like to thank Mr. Howard for his many contributions throughout his 21-year career. I wish him and his wife, Sheila, the best of luck in their future endeavors.

IN MEMORY OF CLIFF EVERTS

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memorial to a dedicated husband, proud father, pioneer of aviation and entrepreneurship, and importantly, a great Alaskan. On December 7, 2017, Alaska lost one of its hardest working and most dedicated fathers, Mr. Cliff Everts.

Cliff Everts is a keepsake original forged from rare earth. He matriculated from New York but had the spirit of an Alaskan Wolf, the business acumen of a Rockefeller, and the fortitude of a Sourdough. His smile could light up a room and his sense of humor warmed any room he happened to grace. In thinking of that astounding smile and infectious laugh, I am reminded of one of his famous quotes and something he said the last time I saw him "Dude, that was sick!" It's how he lived his life.

In reflecting upon Cliff's many accomplishments and his life, one could go on for days about all he did. I can speak to his service to his customers and how he always found a way to deliver cargo ranging from reindeer to homebuilding materials (beat that Home Depot), or start a business to sell ice cream to Alaskans! He did so at the best price with the best service to those customers. I can speak to all of his service to the community. How much he cared for Alaskans and loved Alaska.

However, what gives me the most pleasure and puts a massive smile on my face, is Cliff's dedication and his love for his wife and six children. Whenever anyone asked what made Cliff happy or what made Cliff such a success, it was always his family. He always shined when he talked about them and you could see how he would glow whenever he thought about them or saw them in person. You just do not find that in most people but you always knew it with Cliff.

Suffice to say that Cliff will live in infamy in our hearts and souls. I hope that Cliff's family and especially his wife Betty can take comfort in the bond they have with him; always. I hope the precious memories the family has of their precious Cliff will one day bring them comfort, and that they will come to find, in the lovely words of Hugh Orr:

"They are not dead who live in lives they leave behind. In those whom they have blessed, they live a life again, and shall live through the years eternal life, and shall grow each day more beautiful, as time declares their good, forgets the rest, and proves their immortality."

Please join me in expressing our heartfelt appreciation for Cliff and our sympathies for his wife, Betty; son, Robert Everts and his wife Paula; his daughters, Melanie Moyer; Debbie

Baggen; Karen Wing; Vicki Parrish and her husband Albert; and Susan Hoshaw and her husband Don; 16 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and so many close, cherished family and friends.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I was unavoidably absent Tuesday afternoon, January 9, on very urgent family medical business. Had I been present for three votes which occurred,

I would have voted "Aye" on H. Res. 676, Roll call vote No. 2;

I would have voted "Aye" on H.R. 4564, Roll call vote No. 3; and

I would have voted "Aye" on H.R. 4581, Roll call vote No. 4.

TRIBUTE TO NORMA AND ROY BULLOCK

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Norma and Roy Bullock of Creston, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on November 3, 2017.

Norma and Roy's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies our Iowa values. As they reflect on their 60th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 60th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion and in wishing them both nothing but continued success.

TRIBUTE TO DONNA AND ROGER CANDEE

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Donna and Roger Candee of Carlisle, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. They celebrated on November 9, 2017.

Donna and Roger's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies our Iowa values. As they reflect on their 60th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 60th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion and in wishing them both nothing but continued success.

TRIBUTE TO THE DOWLING
CATHOLIC FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Dowling Catholic High School football team for their fifth straight state title at this year's 4A Iowa High School Football Championships.

Members of the team include: Jayson Murray, Michael Keough, Zach Wafers, Lucas Paskach, Marcus Miller, Connor Jackman, Sam Ingoli, Quentin Wellmaker, Ashton Brown, Jack Keough, Spencer Smith, Zach Prey, Blake Clark, Jonas Thompson, Austin Knobloch, Brandon Waechter, Max Bocken, Owen Shiltz, Matt Moore, John Schmidt, Connor Ibach, Drew Peterson, Ryan Adam, Chase Hauschilt, Colton Sanders, Teagan Johnson, Xavier Chiodo, Malik McGregor, Joe Scavo, Josh Paskach, Andrew Feltz, Drake Rupperecht, Grant Jameson, Michael Rodriguez, Nick Bordenaro, Deng Kodak, Jack Bertram, Mitchell Riggs, Drew Snedegar, Max Beh, Daniel Critelli, Levi Hummel, Christian Ousley, Christian Firestine, Adam Topping, Nate Collins, Nolan Sinnott, Nate Rea, Alex Kirton, Anthony Scavo, Mitch Goff, Matt English, Riley Fitzpatrick, Sean Pallardy, Zach Calvert, Ben Means, Greg Hagen, Tom Nolan, Michael Ortega, Tom Derry, Adam Kroll, Wyatt Grubb, Sean Pattschull, Zach Ross, Tyler Holmes, Charlie Nank, Nick Leon, Jesse Alger, Charlie Johnson, Jack Lyman, Anthony Coppola, Matt Stillwell, Zach Roering, Collin Cook, Mason Heckman, Jack Rude, Connor Kriegshauser, Rex Kromkowski, Zach Stacy, John Waggoner, Jake Calvert, Jack Scholz, Reilly Smidt.

Coaches: Tom Wilson, Jim Williams, Grant Bousum, Jay Campbell, Craig McClain, Adam Jack, Andy Pollock, Jeff Motz, Fred Tiernan, Ryan Van Veen, Aundra Meeks.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent these remarkable players, coaches and school in the United States House of Representatives. Their months of hard work culminated in this remarkable achievement. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating them for winning this year's 4A Iowa High School Football Championship and in wishing them all nothing but continued success.

TRIBUTE TO KATE CUTLER AND
BOYD LITRELL

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Kate Cutler and Boyd Littrell of Council Bluffs, Iowa for

receiving the Jason Award, given by Children's Square U.S.A. The award is presented to individuals, couples, organizations, and businesses that exemplify and demonstrate an extraordinary degree of caring, contribution, and commitment to children, families, and their communities.

Kate and Boyd have been committed to strengthening families and their community through their personal activities. Kate's willingness to give her time and talents to a variety of organizations has been of great benefit to the Council Bluffs community, and Boyd's commitment to helping those that cannot help themselves has not gone unnoticed. These two Iowans are excellent examples as to what makes our great state such an extraordinary place to live.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Kate and Boyd for receiving the Jason Award for their contributions and commitment to the Council Bluffs community. I am proud to represent them in the United States Congress and I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Kate and Boyd and in wishing them nothing but continued success.

TRIBUTE TO SHERYL AND LEROY
LESTER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Sheryl and LeRoy Lester of Council Bluffs, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. They married on November 8, 1957 at United Methodist Church in Council Bluffs.

Sheryl and LeRoy's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 60th anniversary may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 60th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion and in wishing them nothing but the best.

TRIBUTE TO CHRIS HOCHSTETLER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Chris Hochstetler of Council Bluffs, Iowa for receiving the Jason Award, given by Children's Square U.S.A. The award is presented to individuals, couples, organizations and businesses that exemplify and demonstrate an extraordinary degree of caring, contribution, and commitment to children, families, and their communities.

Chris received this honor for his vision, courage, and will in his personal and profes-

sional life. Chris grew up in Nebraska and graduated from Grand Island High School. He holds a Bachelor's of Science degree from the University of Maryland and a Master's degree from Walden University. After high school Chris joined the U.S. Army and had a distinguished military career, receiving the Legion of Merit, our nation's sixth highest military honor. Chris is also active in several community and nonprofit organizations including serving as the Executive Director of KANEKO, an arts and culture nonprofit that provides world class exhibitions, programs, and workshops.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Chris for receiving this outstanding award and I am proud to recognize him today. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating him and in wishing him nothing but continued success.

TRIBUTE TO DONNA AND RON
MARTIN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Donna and Ron Martin of Greenfield, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on October 28, 2017.

Donna and Ron's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies our Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion and in wishing them both nothing but continued success.

TRIBUTE TO DONNABELLE AND
MARVIN REYNOLDS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Donnabelle and Marvin Reynolds of Redfield, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on November 10, 2017.

Donnabelle and Marvin's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies our Iowa values. As they reflect on their 60th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 60th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous